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It has been more than three years since the filing of the above-identified application. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of its status. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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